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Idaho Milk Production Up Slightly

Idaho milk production during December 2009 totaled 1.01 billion pounds, a 0.4 percent increase from the same month last year, and up 31 million pounds from November 2009, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. November 2009 milk production was revised to 981 million pounds, up 4 million pounds from the preliminary level. Average milk production per cow in December 2009 was 1,840 pounds, up 20 pounds from December 2008. The average number of milk cows during December was 550,000 head, up 2,000 from November 2009 but down 4,000 head from December 2008.

Milk production in the 23 major States during December totaled 14.6 billion pounds, down 0.8 percent from December 2008. November revised production at 14.0 billion pounds, was down 0.8 percent from November 2008. The November revision represented an increase of 24 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,758 pounds for December, 29 pounds above December 2008. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.31 million head, 206,000 head less than December 2008, and unchanged from November 2009.

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